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## PRICES FOR THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY IN OUR JOB DEPT.

100 Shirvan Rugs (reg. price \$12 to \$15), now..... \$9.25	Royal Axminster Rugs (room size), reg. price \$21.00, now..... \$18.25
125 Daghestan Rugs (reg. price \$18 to \$20), now..... \$12.25	High grade Wilton Rugs (room size), reg. price \$40, now..... \$31.25
Good assortment India and Persian Rugs, slightly soiled, 50 per cent off.	Wool Smyrna Rugs (room size), reg. price \$25, now..... \$19.75
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Beautiful Persian and India Carpets from..... \$85 to \$175	Body Brussels Rugs (9x12 ft.), reg. price \$27, now..... \$21.00

Choice 220 Rolls Best Brussels Carpets..... (Reg. price 90c and \$1.00) Now 62 1/2c	Choice 175 Rolls Ex. Tapestry Brussels Carpets..... (Reg. price 70c and 80c) Now 56 1/2c
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Remnant Rugs, made in our workroom from short ends of fine carpeting.

Room Sizes, \$9.80 to \$19.00. Lot just finished!

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QUICK HELP NEEDED  
FOR TWO COUNTIES

Condition of Drought Sufferers Is Related by Correspondents From Southwest Missouri.

## ST. LOUIS HURRYING FUNDS.

One Contribution From Local Firm Increased Merchants' Exchange Subscription \$500—Shannon County Declines Aid.

Communications received by the Merchants' Exchange Relief Committee from Southwest Missouri, indicated yesterday that Stone, Ozark and Douglas counties are perhaps in greater need of help than any others in the drought section, and their cases will probably be taken up next. They are represented to be as badly off as was Taney County before supplies were sent there.

Wright, Barry, Christian and Howell counties are reported to be in a condition similar to that of Taney and Pulaski counties, whose most urgent needs were supplied Tuesday. Seed in the principal towns required, though food supplies are also asked for.

The fund raised by the Merchants' Exchange, the committee said, will have been exhausted before all the counties in distress can get a share, and after St. Louis has done her part the State may continue the relief work. Some of the counties have made it known that they would not be forced to ask for outside aid, notably Shannon County, which sent in an official report yesterday.

Yesterday's subscriptions raised the total to over \$500, one check of \$50 being received from the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Association.

Need Both Food and Seed. M. C. Messer, Clerk of the County Court of Barry County, stated in a communication to the committee yesterday that he had just completed a careful investigation of the distress in his county.

"I find," he states, "that there are a number of farmers that have not sufficient means to buy seed for the season's planting. And it will be impossible for them to make a crop unless they are supplied with seed unless they can get some help in the way of provisions.

"I think that low prices of seed corn and the same amount of potatoes will be sufficient to supply those that actually need it. The County Court will appoint committees in each township to look after the matter.

Christian County again reports an urgent need of relief. A petition was received yesterday, signed by James J. Williams, President of the County Court, and J. C. Pettis, Representative; G. W. Logan, Prosecuting Attorney; James P. Adams, Clerk of the County Court; W. H. Woper, County Treasurer; A. C. McCafferty, Circuit Clerk; J. H. Warren, Sheriff; Frank Edwards, Recorder; S. C. Johnson, Collector, and a number of prominent citizens of Clark County.

"Upon investigation we find that many families of this county are in a distressed condition, and are in immediate need of food and provisions and seed for the coming season.

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## EAST ST. LOUISAN'S RECORD.

Suggested Plan for Making Promotions by Fixed Rules, Which He Expects to Be Put in Operation Before Long.

Republic Bureau, 14th St. and Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, March 19.—The President has tendered the office of Civil Service Commissioner to James R. Garfield of Mentor, O., a son of President Garfield, and it is expected that he will accept. This will fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of former Representative W. A. Rodenberg of East St. Louis, who will reenter politics in that district. Mr. Rodenberg will return home in a few days and begin his campaign for Congress.

St. Louis and vicinity will thus lose the representation it has had on the Civil Service Commission for many years. Recently John R. Harlow retired on account of illness, and Mr. Rodenberg of East St. Louis leaves the office because he prefers the more active and less restricted career of a member of the House, in which he served one term.

Major Harlow had been trained for years in the line of work coming before the commission, having previously served as Postmaster at St. Louis, where he had many employees to select. He was at heart what is called a "civil-service reformer," while the friends of Mr. Rodenberg have understood that he was more inclined to partisanship, and as he himself has stated, with little taste for the work of the commission. Nevertheless, he has made a creditable record and retired with the personal popularity he enjoyed when a member of the House.

Reform Suggested by Rodenberg. One plan outlined by Mr. Rodenberg as Commissioner, if carried out, would probably correct a great injustice in the department by fixing rules for promotions. The Civil-Service law governs appointments, but in many cases, great favoritism is shown in promoting the clerks after appointment. Whether Mr. Rodenberg's ideas will be carried out is somewhat doubtful, but they are received with favor here. Explaining the proposition, Mr. Rodenberg said today:

"We have hoped to find a practical method of regulating promotions according to merit. At present it is known there is the utmost difficulty in promoting clerks according to any fixed and regular standard. The ideal method would be, of course, to promote the most efficient clerk first, then the next efficient clerk, and so on. But there are a good many difficulties in the way of any rigid regulation that such a course should be followed.

"There would be invariably differences of opinion as to the most capable clerks. Several of the clerks thus accredited must almost certainly prove unacceptable to some chiefs of division.

Look for New Plan Adopted. "The rating would always be open to discussion. Yet the commission believes all these obstacles can be surmounted.

"Suppose, for example, a regular rating could be established along lines which would meet with general approval. On that basis it would then be possible for a board of promotion to choose the best clerks and certify them for promotion before any of the other clerks who are less capable.

A regular list of eligibles for promotion might then be made up, and the chief of the department would be required to select from this list the man he believed to be the best for the service. The obvious objection to any such plan is that the chief of the department would probably be partial.

"That would be met, I think, if the clerks were themselves allowed to have a voice in the appointment of the board. They would doubtless choose the clerks who were, without that intimate knowledge of the work and subtleties of modern politics, Chapman is past master in all the political degrees. Chapman claims all the glory of placing the Democratic counties from the old Twentieth District, with the Republican majority in the new Twenty-fourth District, and makes it his chief lever in working for votes.

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Contest in the Forty-Second. The legislative contest in this the Forty-second district is one of the most interesting in the State. It is a contest between a Republican incumbent, Senator Chapman, and a Democratic challenger, General Campbell. Chapman has been in the district for many years, and has built up a strong following. Campbell is a newcomer, but he has the support of many of the prominent citizens of the district.

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## CAMPBELL SEEMS OUT OF THE RACE

Hamilton County's Declaration in Favor of Miller Regarded as Crushing.

## CHAPMAN NOW THE FAVORITE.

White County Is the Key to the Legislative Contest in the Forty-Second—Republican Corruption Rampant.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL. Carmi, Ill., March 19.—General James R. Campbell, ex-statesman, ex-soldier and ex-Democrat, is regarded as out of the running in the race for Congress in this district. The action of his county of Hamilton in declaring for the return to the Legislature of John Henry Miller, when Campbell's name was on the ticket, might have been chosen, is a defeat for Campbell as crushing as though he himself had run against Miller. The Republicans of Hamilton County virtually declared their opposition to Campbell.

Weeks ago this was predicted, and Campbell undoubtedly expected it. He started a cross fire at Miller by organizing another bank in McLeansboro. At present Miller has a monopoly of the banking business there, and Campbell announced that the bank he organized would have ample capital and would loan money at the rate of 7 per cent. It is known that most of the banks in Southern Illinois get from 12 to 24 per cent on their loans.

This threat did not force John Henry Miller off the legislative track, and the Campbell bank is about ready for business, according to reports received here.

The real contestants for the Republican congressional nomination in the Twenty-fourth District are Noah Baldwin of Carmi and Pleasant Thomas Chapman of Vienna. Chapman has the widest acquaintance, and is the best political of the two. Mr. Baldwin is a clean, able young fellow, but without that intimate knowledge of the art and subtleties of modern politics. Chapman is past master in all the political degrees. Chapman claims all the glory of placing the Democratic counties from the old Twentieth District, with the Republican majority in the new Twenty-fourth District, and makes it his chief lever in working for votes.

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